



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

4CT  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/479,985	01/10/2000	Brian Feeney	P-5543	3773

24492 7590 01/16/2003

MICHELLE BUGBEE, ASSOCIATE PATENT COUNSEL  
SPALDING SPORTS WORLDWIDE INC  
425 MEADOW STREET  
PO BOX 901  
CHICOPEE, MA 01021-0901

EXAMINER

WONG, STEVEN B

ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
----------	--------------

3711

DATE MAILED: 01/16/2003

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Patent and Trademark Office**

Address: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Washington, D.C. 20231

APPLICATION NO./ CONTROL NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR / PATENT IN REEXAMINATION	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.
---------------------------------	-------------	---	---------------------

EXAMINER
----------

ART UNIT	PAPER
----------	-------

19


DATE MAILED:

**Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.**

**Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks**

The reply brief filed November 18, 2002 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Regarding the status of the claims, claims 1-16 and 22 should still stand or fall together because the appellant fails to argue why the claims are separately patentable. Appellant points to pages 3 and 4 of the Brief for support, however, these arguments merely point out the differences between what the claims cover which is not a suitable argument as to why the claims are separately patentable. See MPEP 1206(7).

  
Steven Wong  
Primary Examiner  
Art Unit: 3711